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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed 4 June 2001, applicant responds as follows:

REMARKS

This application was originally filed on 2 June 1998 with ten claims, two of which were written in independent form. No claims have been allowed. Claims 1 and 6 were amended on 4 October 2000.

Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,995,163 to Fossum (Fossum) in view of U.S. Patent 5,963,261 to Dean (Dean). The applicant respectfully disagrees.

"Under § 103, the scope and content of the prior art are to be determined; differences between the prior art and the claims at issue are to be ascertained; and the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art resolved. Against this background, the obviousness or nonobviousness of the subject matter is determined. Such secondary considerations as commercial success, long felt but unsolved needs, failure of others, etc., might be utilized to give light to the circumstances surrounding the origin of the subject matter sought to be patented. As indicia of obviousness or